Form G: Governance Inventory

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The following "Governance Inventory" is designed to be a tool to help applicants identify areas with which their board of directors might not currently be concerned, or areas wherein applicants might wish to consider operating more effectively. For this pilot program, panels will be instructed not to evaluate applicants that honestly respond to this inventory but to limit their review of governance to the responses to the narrative questions. The Commission will revisit this inventory before the FY14 application and guidelines are published.

For each of the items below type the word "yes" or place a check mark in the box next to the item that best describes your organization's accomplishments in that area.

Our Board of Directors	Satisfactory	Needs Work
Develops or reviews the mission for our organization.		
• Ensures organizational resources are dedicated to fulfilling our mission.		
Developed and submitted OR regularly reviews our core organizational documents (by-laws).		
• Is informed and active in overseeing our operations and finances.		
Ensures our organization obeys tax laws and safeguards our assets and furthers our mission.		
• Ensures our organization obeys all other applicable local, state and federal laws.		
• Is adequately sized and genuinely independent (not dominated by family, employees, or business partners).		
• Ensures executive compensation is reasonable and that appropriate taxes are withheld and reported.		
Has developed, implemented and annually reviews a conflict of interest policy for all board members and staff.		
Has adopted a written policy on investments.		
Has a fundraising policy that ensures all fundraising materials are accurate, truthful and candid.		
Keeps written minutes of ALL board and committee meetings.		
Has adopted and monitors a policy for document integrity, retention and destruction.		
Has adopted a code of ethics for board, staff and volunteers.		
Annually reviews financial statements and our Form 990 for accuracy.		
Supports transparency and accountability for all financial reports and public information (1023, 990, etc.) Places arguest the following "yee" or "ne". If you arguest "yee" to any of the following "yee".		

Please answer the following "yes" or "no." If you answer "yes" to any of the following, please provide details, including amounts paid during your most recent completed fiscal year.

		No	Yes
•	Are any of your board members paid in any way by the organization, e.g. as staff, vendor, contractor, etc.?		
•	Are any board members related to each other, staff, contractors, vendors, etc.?		